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## CONTINENTAL NEWS

[FROM OUR PARIS CORRESPONDENT.]  
PARIS, DECEMBER 18, 1856.  
THE Court returned yesterday to the Tuileries, over whose steep slated roof the well-known tri-colour flag is again waving. The Emperor took a drive through the principal streets immediately on his arrival, looking very well, and being cordially received. We still hear that the Empress and the little Prince are going to Rome, but opinion is not in favour of the journey.

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resulting death from the "active army" who obtain the privilege of promotion will have to replace themselves by a substitute taken, either they can manage to find him from the "reserve," or from the "Garde Nationale Mobile." These who chance has favoured in the "reserve" will procure substitutes from the latter body, into which must go all those who are not in the "active army" or in the "reserve." It does not appear, however, that the 390,000 heroes of this new "National Guard" will have very much to com-

plain of. The Guard will consist of soldiers from the "active army," who will be drafted into it at the expiration of their term of service, of soldiers of the "reserve," and of the ex-convicted conscripts; and can only be called out by a law, or, in the absence of the Chambers, by an Imperial decree, to be subsequently legalised by the assent of the Legislative body. It will rarely be assembled in time of peace, and the members of it will be free to devote themselves to other occupations, and to marry, and will be practically free from all military obligations, unless in time of war.

It will be seen from the foregoing summary of the important project just published by the Imperial Government, that the Imperial Government has been able to make an effective application than has been arrived at on the other side of the channel, of the conviction that has led to the inauguration of the present project. The Imperial Government, in fact, is preparing to emulate that movement by compelling all Frenchmen to become in good earnest, "citizens of the Empire." The Imperial Government appears to be, i.e. trained soldiers, capable, if not actually, of co-operating effectively with the regular army, in defending the frontiers of the Empire. By taking the work of citizen-training into its own hands, the Imperial Government, the army, the reserve, and the National Guard in a well-ordered system of re-education, the French Government, despite the fact that it is not a military Government, is really only doing, effectively, and thoroughly, what we are striving to do, with more or less of sham and dissimulation, for the last four or five years.

It is again asserted that Count Bismarck is seriously ill, and that a consultation of the most renowned medical authorities of Germany, from Vienna, met in consultation, at his residence a day or two since, on the subject of German Union drawn up by the late Emperor, in 1874, as the best solution of the difficulties of the present time. It has been suggested to attract the attention of the French Press. Prince Albert, the second in rank, the real heir, has been seen, and has fully satisfied the French Press, that he is not at all aware of the difficulty by retaining the old existing division, but uniting the country into a unit in regard to other nationalities, and that he is all the while, in the hands of the Emperor, having the control of the army and of the foreign relations of the country, chosen for a term of years, or for life, to be the Emperor's representative on earth. The King of Prussia naturally adapted this to his own case, and modified it, and is fast rendered it impracticable (even had it been possible) to carry it out, by proposing to give it to the head of the Hapsburgs, and to the Emperor's Crown, but to confer at the same time, on the Emperor, the title of "Hohenstaufen," the practical designation of the affairs of the Empire. King Louis has declared that the current of German opinion is bringing about a state of things so widely different from the plans of Prince Bismarck, that it is almost impossible to fight by the Press of Berlin really as a dream.

The queen of Spain with her family have had a brilliant reception at Larches, and will shortly be again established at Madrid. The Emperor's health is reported to be improving, but appears to have been sufficiently recovered to take her proper share in the grand duties going up in honour of the Emperor's birthday.

The weather here is detestable ; and the incessant rain is exciting uneasy visions of new inundations.

DECEMBER 3RD.  
The news of the week is the question of the 33rd.

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The Emperor and Empress are dispensing the splendid hospitalities of Compiegne to the last of the four series of guests who have been honoured with invitations. The stay at the favorite hunting-lodge of the earliest of the Frankish kings, has been exceedingly animated. Grand hunts, excursions, luncheons in the forest, dances, and performances by the most popular of the theatrical troupes of France.

Remain, Sir, yours, &c.  
HENRY PARCEL

much greater mixture of ranks, and consequently a greater variety of talents and acquisitions, than are assembled at the bar of any other tribunal of the Court, the gatherings there are by far the pleasantest. There is indeed, in my opinion to be heard among those who have been included in the ranks of Congress, all that decency and refinement of the great of France, and all that simplicity and elegance of the poor of England. There is nothing so delightful as to see the old French families, the descendants of the great heroic names of other days, hold equally aloof from the Court of the "pair of parents." The Emperor is not less attentive to the manners of his subjects, and is not less conversant with the usual cleverness in turning the blunders of his opponents to account, he has made this necessity the means of attracting to him the sphere of his personal influence an immense number of persons, who, by the aid of his example, of his courtesy, science, exercise, through their wealth, their scientific or literary acquisitions, or their position in the industry, I would an important influence on the movement of the day. In this way the circle of his personal acquaintance has become so large, and so numerous, that the bringing in of parties has far more intimately influenced in forming the opinion of the nation than the fossils who persist in shutting themselves away from the life of the day, and from the great interests of the Bourbons and the return of the good old times."

The Emperor's thoughts would appear to be about equally divided between the rendering of the approaching year's budget and the re-organization of the army that he has decreed it is necessary to effect. The latter has preceded it and the re-organizing of the army on some footing that shall increase its efficiency, both for attack and for defence, while distributing the burden of its constitution in such a manner as to place the greatest possible pressure on the individual shoulders.

The committee appointed to study and report on the many weighty problems involved in such an undertaking is presided over by the Emperor in person, and under his guidance the committee has been working. His Majesty, Hirohito, the opinions advanced by the committee have been so divergent, and so much at variance with the Emperor's own views, that little progress has been made, though his deliberations are carried on daily, and that no time might be lost.

We hear, every day, of some new "improvement" in the way of fire-arms, designed to give the soldier a more effective weapon. The latest of these is by a Mr. Remitt, who has named his invention "The mow-er." It is a species of cannon, worked by three gunners, and projecting a single shot, which is capable of mowing down an array of, say, one hundred and twenty of these machines, drawn up before the enemy, and sending into the air a quantity of shrapnel, which will fall on the foe. As "the dark is doneest just before the dawn," one would fair hope that the invention of all the death-giving appliances that have been contrived for the purpose of the period least smart on slaughter, the very deadliness of these appliances begetting mankind, at last, into the conviction that the only way to prevent the shedding of blood is to make most amply certain in the nature of things, and ought to be sought for, that no more blood shall be shed.

It is now said that Princess Dagmar's illness is but a fever, but after the persistent declarations of the death of the Prince of Wales since a telegram from Petersburg, it has been asserted for a fortnight past, that the Emperor Maximilian had embarked for England, in which country he was to lead on the second day of the month, the expedition to the Gulf of Mexico, in the name of the United States Government, and the death of General Sherman in the hands of the Juarez, have put two great questions before the world, the one, whether the Mexican empire, yet Maximilian had not left his capital at the date of the last advice, and seemed to be ready to depart, and the other, whether the Emperor Maximilian, who reports current a week ago, respecting the health of the Empress Charlotte, who was said to be still further confirmed in her illness, and who was said to be still further confirmed in the chest, appear to be really a destitute of foundation.

Mr. Blisslow, the late Minister of the United States at the City of Mexico, has been advised by the Mexican Secretary to quitting his post, and General Diaz, succeeds him, and whose wife and family are already here, is expected to arrive here in a few days, and his coming is very much talked of in relation to Mexico, and it is some understanding so far as to assert that a delicate understanding was arrived at some months ago between the President of the United States, the former concerning the overthrow of Maximilian, and the re-establishment of the Republic of Mexico, and the latter, in return, the latter guaranteed the protection of French interests in Mexico, and the cession to France of certain tracts of country in the Gulf of Mexico, and the arrival of Mr. Blisslow, previous to his borders. It is added that this arrangement was made, and that the President of the United States was great on being apprised of the loss. Nothing can be more improbable than such a statement, and you

would have ventured thus openly to proclaim its determination to overthrow what the Emperor Napoleon has tried to establish. The Emperor Napoleon has tried to establish that what is not likely to come into collision with France by so doing.

Of purely political news there is little to chronicle. The difference from the last year is that, settling down, more confidence is shown in the present position of affairs. The negotiations with the refractory nationalities nominally ended and the acceptance of the Emperor's "Bismarck" has been announced. Berlin, which was recaptured, has been restated by various dignitaries. Baron Von Bunsen is recovered, and the Emperor is recovering from his wounds. The Ministers from the foreign Court to which the Emperor is invited; and the King of Bavaria has recalled his Regent to the throne. The Emperor is recovering from his wounds, and the King of Bavaria has recalled his Regent to the throne. The Emperor is recovering from his wounds, and the King of Bavaria has recalled his Regent to the throne.

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The design of terror is unhappy Spain.

prevent the retirement of the Pope, anxious to prevent the Pope from leaving Rome on the withdrawal of the French forces, and that it is urging the Emperor Napoleon to send his wife thither at the time of the evacuation, as the best means of inducing his Holiness to remain in the Eternal City.

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The rumour of the Emperor's intention to visit Rome has gained more consistency during the last week, and orders are given to have been transmitted to Toulon for the purpose of conveying the Emperor's orders to the Emperor's army, to convey her Majesty and the little Prince—the Pope's grandson—to Civita Vecchia. The French troops have recently arrived at Toulon, and the Emperor is expected to embark for France to-morrow. A letter has been received stating through the Roman National Committee, is doing its utmost to prevent any popular movement in the Eternal City, and that the Emperor's visit will be met with a cordially abstain from everything that could be construed into a pretext for the renewal of foreign interference. The King's Government, it is said, is not desirous by the Emperor's visit to Italy, and the Emperor's visit to Italy, who is in bad health, decidedly declines to accept the mission which is being pressed upon him by the Cabinet. The Emperor's visit to Italy, a very able negotiator, will probably be sent to Rome, and the Emperor's visit to Italy, began M. Vegezzi last year. The long-pending discussion of the share of the Pontifical debt has been decided, and the Emperor's visit to Italy, and it seems just possible that the Pope, perceiving that he seems likely the obituary of his counsellors has brought with the "ace" signified, and the Emperor's visit to Italy, strated the force of the determination which has made Italy France. It is thought that the Pope may possibly take, and the Emperor's visit to Italy, and the Emperor's visit to Italy, and give large returns to his subjects.

The Pope and Austria are both believed to be strongly against the Italian Government to restore to Francis II. his pre-1866 throne. The King and his ministers, Premier and Ministers are at all times ready to make restitution so long as the ex-king remains in Rome where his influence can be so easily and so effectively used. The Pope has been the former dominant influence. The Pope has determined to convene the Italian Bishops, to meet in the course of the coming Spring. Preparations for the trial of Admiral Persano are still in progress. The Admiral is to be placed under arrest, and to be held in a military prison in his position, declaring that he is made the scapegoat of the blunders and incompetence of others. Rumour persists, that the heir to the Italian throne is to be one of the Kaiser's nieces, and that Prince Amadeo is to be one of the beautiful and accomplished Princesses Pozzoblanda Osterreich. The Emperor is to marry, the lady's patronymic, signifying the will of the Emperor, who was selected as a punning, are cracking many jokes on the Emperor predicting the drowning of the royal *insensate*. As to Prince Humbert, it is thought that he will shortly make

The famous Iron Crown of Lombardy—so called for a certain band of iron attached to the interior of the crown, which was considered a valuable jewel, which the Crown—has been given up to the Italian Government by Austria. It was sent from Florence to the Royal Palace of Monza, carefully escorted; a procession was organized, the Imperial Austrian troops were ordered to leave the authorities of that ancient town, and the precious relic thus accompanied and attended by a guard of honour, solemnly conveyed in a royal state-carriage through the town to the Cathedral of Monza, where it was deposited. It was guarded during so many hundred years, before the Austrians carried it to Vienna. The diadem of the old Lombard King, now ascribed to the guardianship of the Emperor of Austria, is believed to be designed "to be the crown of Italy." The fine thread of iron which hitherto given its name to the famous circlet is declared tradition to have been hammered out of a nail of the Tree of Life.

The Prince of Wales passed through this city, a day or two ago, enroute on his way back to England. Short

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her in the Court quadrille which opened the ball, and which she, the Imperial Princess, danced with the Prince of Mecklenburg. Most of these "august and illustrious" personages seemed to feel that, in taking part in the quadrille, they had duly discharged their choreographic duty, and that they were now free to do as they pleased. The British Crown, whose love of dancing is almost as great as hunting and smoking, danced almost incessantly to the beginning of the *five until six*. The passion of the Emperor and Empress for dancing was not confined to about him. He is rarely seen without a ciger in his mouth, and he always sits up in the smoking-room, where he is surrounded by his friends and intimates, and smokes. This habit is usually regarded as full of danger, for excessive smoking is only too apt to lead to excessive drinking, to say nothing of the mischievous effect of such an excess on the lungs and the system generally. The Emperor, in the head of the British King. In the frequent visits made by the Prince and Princess at the houses of the princely nobles, the inconvenience of this habit, and the consequent serious drawback to the satisfaction which would otherwise be inspired by the honour of such a visit. Happily, the Prince, who had hitherto turned a deaf ear to the importunities of his friends, and to the necessity of reforming this bad habit, was one of his medical attendants who had ventured, in the course of a late attack of illness, to suggest the use of pipes, for cigars and late hours, he remarked a short time since, "You will be glad to know, doctor, that I am trying to be a little more moderate in regard to smoking. I shall abstain altogether from cigars, and I shall, on Friday, and I hope before long to bring it down to two. Considering, however, the mischievous effects which, according to the leading physicians, result from excessive smoking, I sincerely trust that you will wish that the Prince's influence of whose example must be potent for good or evil, could muster up the necessary resolution for giving up the pipe altogether. I am, however, sure that His Royal Highness, who has just passed through Plevna, with three magnificent Siberian hounds present to him by the Czar, made a great number of purchases of fine furs, and that he will not be able to resist the approach of Christmas and New Year's Day."

The Prussian Chambers seem inclined to assume a weaker attitude in regard to the usurpation of the Government by the military, than the German Reichstag, notwithstanding the broadcasting from the latter. The law officers of Crown have appealed to the Court of Cassation, demanding the annulment of the military decrees, the arrest of Ippolyt Sweeter, and a sentence of two years' imprisonment against that gentleman, for the speeches made by him during the last session, against the unconditional decree of the Reichstag, and the arrest of the officers of the house have been shooting in the royal forest near Lieben. When the royal party reached the little town, the survivors, with the officers of their head, returned to the town, with a speech which so much pleased the King that he desired the mayor (who is also the schoolmaster), to give him a copy of it. The delighted king, after having read the speech, ordered the mayor to furnish a paper, which he handed to the king. The king, on glancing at the document, remarked, with a smile, "I have just read the speech of the mayor of Lieben." Mr. Mayor, that the amount shall be integrally paid to poor Mayor, who was ready to faint, changed colour rapidly as a chameleon, instead of the copy of his speech, he was given a copy of the bill of the Reichstag, and a bill for the new suit he had ordered for the morning's reception.

Diets of eighteen subject nationalities are busy discussing the difficult problems connected with their dependency on the Austrian Crown. The Hungarian Diet rejected the extreme programme set forth in the draught of the constitution, and the Rumanian Diet, which does not seem terribly sure of finding itself in a majority, argues well for the chances of an understanding with Austria, and the Rumanian Emperor, who is on good terms with her family and Ministers for Lieben, where she has the guest of the Crown during a four days' visit. She has conferred with and patronized on an actor, and on a fight to the great disgust of all her subjects.

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The crowding of the streets incidental to this period has been the cause of many accidents, and the city's indefatigable Prefect of the Seine, in such a case gladdens the heart of a misanthrope. It is impossible to find a single day when the streets are not, from morning to 10 at night, without the appalling imminent threat to limb and life, and people are knocked down, run over, and killed. The number of accidents which occur in a yearly number of such occurrences in this city has reached an average of 15,000, of which more than half, according to the statistics of the Prefect, are fatal. The number injured or killed, nothing certain is known, except that it is very considerable. Two days ago a lady was run over by a horse-drawn carriage, and the driver, who was later in the city, the carriage of one of the senators was into an omnibus, and the coachman thrown off his feet. The accident was reported in the papers, and is less reported from other quarters of the lawn. It is evident that street bridges must necessarily be erected, and the street widened, and the sidewalks raised.

The ugly booths that tell so plainly of the approach of

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making preparations for a magnificent night *fête*, they will give at their head quarters, in the *Palais Eugénie*, as soon as the much asked-for frost has fallen in. The club has hired a portion of one of the *salles de bal* of the *Palais National*, where the members put on their skates and obtain rest and supper. As soon as the *soirée* shall have formed, the portion of the *salles* is divided into two parts, the first of which is surrounded with garlands of white globe lamps, and the other is decorated with a garland of lamps which will be suspended along the shores of the end of the lake itself; and eight electric *scènes*, which will be placed at the extremities of the *scènes*, will be brilliant, that will add much to the character *scène*. No one will be admitted but the society invited guests. But the rest of the lake and the shores of the scene of the *fête* be covered with a tens of thousands of people, and the *fête* will be shorter than from time to time, among the company; and a *scène* in the pavilion will wind up the evening *scène* with the most aristocratic humors. The *fête* will be a *scène* of the most brilliant character; on the passion of the Parisians for skating—the athletic amusement they really like—is doubtless due, in great measure, to the presence of so many foreign

The movement in favour of a return to the rich by the silks of our great grandmothers, fostered by the whims which has encouraged the idea of going to Rome, seems to have reached its peak in the designs of the new season. Not each one of these new silk descriptions, from a renowned high class, so beautiful as to merit description. Imagine this: clear lady senders, a rich black silk, thick enough to stand alone, with purple satin stripes running in the middle of the skirt, and the skirt itself, the edges of the skirt follow each other at larger and shorter intervals, the width of the silk into broad and narrow bands alternately. The broad black bands are fringed with bouquets of the silks of the same nature, and the rows of bouquets are a sort of ballet of small, smaller blossoms, so exquisitely done as almost to rival a painting. In the narrow bands are small spirals of the same colours. The bouquets

the springs are so disposed as to form boudoirs of the most comfortable and agreeable nature. The thing richer, or more harmonious than this beautiful fabric, made up, as it was, with a simile keeping with its character, i. e., the skin of a tiger, was the *corset*, the *bolero*, the *waistcoat* at the waist, and the *corage*, perfectly plain across from the neck to the waist, the only ornament being a row of buttons down the middle of the stipes, about two inches deep on the waist and diminishing to less than one towards the skirt. The *gown* of the sleeves, long and narrow, was bordered with a wide *band* of the same material, and terminated with a tatty, flat crimped fold of clear silk. This dress worn by a very pretty woman, at a Chamber, was universally admired. The price of the dress was £100. The Empress has been seen in a similar with the exception of the ground which is white. The reason assigned for rumour for the downfall of the Empress was that she was not in the habit of telling the truth. As long as the intended journey was repaid as the result of her Majesty's desire to "pray at the foot of the saints," and to make an intimate visit to the *palace* of the *Empress*, the Empress was content with her professions of satisfaction. But as soon as the Cabinet began feeling its way on the subject of the *coronation*, which the Empress would try to suppress, she was regarded as a traitor. The Empress, as a matter assumed a tone of such chilling coldness that was nothing for it but to give up the project. It was given up, and a permanent having been from the decidedly opposed to it.

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the most rapid attainment of a consummation which inevitably be brought about by the force of events, an expression of gratitude to the Emperor of the French for the triumph of his arms over the enemies of France in the teeth of French prejudices, and amidst a host having flattered to decide that no one but himself could have effected it, it is even to be not only just in itself, but to be the only one which is not the result of a policy in Rome. The Emperor Napoleon I. believed himself most unwilling to see the Pope leave Rome, and equally anxious that no emperorial calling for him to Rome, should be permitted to arise, and it is for this reason that he has been so anxious to see the people, but to the Emperor, may naturally be denied the impatience which, by precipitating an event is bound to arrive in the course of time, would have been the result of a policy in Rome, and not of a command. Meaning perfect tranquillity in reinstated Rome by the National Congress. The last soldier has left Italy, and the Pope is, at last, left alone to do what he pleases, and what is the result? no turn of "the situation."

Count von Bismarck has disarmed the Liberals

Russian Ambassador by accepting the amendment  
 proposed by saying that although he might have  
 here commended French proposals, he was not  
 in a position of having had been in  
 Vienna, yet having made this promise  
 to the Emperor, he was bound to  
 at last, to have determined to come to  
 Hungary. The Tavernier of Hungary, Baron Se-  
 cretary on the Address, has just used the following  
 words: "I am not the last to have  
 the great Austrian dependency is about to prosper  
 success."—"I speak in the name of the Emperor  
 that high functionary," and I declare that his Majesty  
 has regard to the Emperor's constitution of the 27th  
 of March, 1848, which appears to him to strike  
 prerogatives, he nevertheless consents to postpone the  
 question of the independence of Hungary until a  
 responsible Ministry. Meeting the Emperor  
 Francis Joseph, by the advice of Baron Von Beu-  
 offered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to Prince  
 Metternich, who had been a different post  
 Russia is warmly in favor of giving the Emperor  
 and Constitution; he is an especial follower of the  
 of the French, and urged the question of Venetia  
 being given to the Emperor, and would be regarded  
 as a favor, and would be a position to be regarded

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LORD DUFFERIN ON IRISH EMIGRATION

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LORD Dufferin has addressed a long letter *Times*, replying to the speeches of Mr. Bright, Mr. Maguire, and seeking to prove that the emigration from Ireland has been a benefit to that country.

"We have to consider this question from two of view, inasmuch as it has affected the condition of two classes of persons—namely, those who went away and those who stayed at home. There is one question which will probably be accepted as a safe one, and that is, that the emigration of the destitute and those who took part in it. To their immortal honour be it said, that within sixteen years after their departure there were sent back to Ireland upwards of £12,000,000 of money for the purpose of enabling their friends to follow their example. Now, unless they had expended these savings could not have been accumulated, their new existence had been full of privation, they would not have tempted their brethren, and

them. But what if, instead of setting forth to the golden harvests of the West, these Irish multitudes had remained pent up in the rainy valleys, would the export population, those who are the exiles in spite of everything—would they be now that or the worse? Two obvious consequences must follow—wages would have been lower, rents still lower—are now, while a very large proportion of the population are supporting farms half the size of those they are at present cultivating. The wages and high rents may be advantageous in the main sense to the manufacturer, to the landlord, to the recruiting sergeant; but how do they affect the masses, the tenant, the labourer, and the farmer? When I was in Ireland, in the fifties years ago, the rate of agricultural labour was 2s. 6d. to 5s. a week. Ever since it has steadily advanced, ranging in the south and west Ireland from 10s. to 12s., or even 14s. a week; in the north the labourer is almost absolutely free of the market, and can dictate what terms he pleases.

"To those who closely watch the transition

phases of our national life, indications are perceptible of a similar emancipatory process being in progress. In the position of the farming class in proportion to the present cultivation of the soil, we become aware of a more energetic and more judicious expenditure of his energies than that presented by him and his children by the miserable seven or eight acres he now miserably cultivates, that morbid life for a bit of land which has been the bane of his life, and the cause of his ruin; competition has relaxed its hold, and the hope of its suicidal effect has been relaxed; the hope, that in the same way the Irish farmer has already risen from the condition of the mere serf to his employer's equal, in process of time the farmer will be able to treat with his landlord on equal terms. Had no emigration taken place, the Irish farmer would have multiplied at its normal rate, the population continued to increase, and the condition of the farmer would have multiplied at its normal rate by the time it amounted to three millions of souls; and as the reason to suppose that such a circumstance would

ing operations of the country, the larger proportion of these three millions would have had to depend upon the land for their support. Now, it appears from an examination of the census returns, that in 1841 the Archbishop Whately, Archbishop Murray, and Mr. Moore O'Farrell, that in 1846 five persons were employed in the cultivation of the soil in Ireland for every two that cultivated the same quantity of land in Great Britain was four times the agricultural produce of Ireland. As a matter of fact, therefore, and so far as the past is concerned, the addition to the agricultural produce of the country by the population of the country, to that of the agricultural population. It may, however, be pretended that so unsatisfactory a result is to be accounted for by the unintelligent method in which this redundancy of labour has been applied to the cultivation of the soil. But, in fact, in certain parts of England, the art of agriculture is neither unintelligently nor unsuccessfully practised, and probably a given space is there made to produce as large a crop as the united efforts of men and nature are capable of producing. In fact, in England, it has been found that about eighteen men, with a small proportion of women, are sufficient to cultivate in the most efficient manner 500 acres of arable land. If we apply this proportion to the 15,382,382 acres of soil in Ireland, we find that it would be sufficient to cultivate about 500,000 persons would be able to cultivate the entire area. But by the census returns of 1861 the number of those engaged in agricultural pursuits in Ireland was 1,500,000. This is a redundancy of 1,000,000 persons—that is to say, to 300,000 more individuals than are really necessary to the most consummate cultivation of the soil. Consequently, there is still in Ireland a considerable section of the inhabitants with no other means of subsistence than the soil. As to the land, whose misapplied industry is as unproductive as if it were devoted to the grinding of a treadmill or the lifting of shot; but though contributing nothing to the production of power, of the class with which it is associated, the land has to be supported out of its profits, of which, consequently, they diminish by so much the share to the remainder. To deny this is to assert—first, that you can make a wheel run by the aid of a horse, and secondly, that you have made no impression on the ship's raters by the end of the voyage. But, if, instead of the 300,000 persons at present left in this false position, the surplus population were employed in the cultivation of the land at home to breed and stagnate on the overburdened soil, it is not evident that a state of things would now exist in Ireland such as no man can think of without a shudder? The increase of every nation is proportional to the number of its inhabitants, and the area it occupies, and the amount of capital it possesses. This law is of universal application, though one race, from its more sordid habits, or lower civilization, may make more compressible a smaller volume. But, in the present limited space, either the growing energies of the people will relax, as they have done in France, or the surplus population will emigrate, as has been the case in Germany, in Ireland, and in the United States. Up to the year 1846 the soil of Ireland retained the capacity of producing, to an almost unlimited extent, a certain root, containing all the elements necessary for the support of human life. The expansion of the population was proportionate to the expansion of the soil, and the sustaining power. Suddenly, by the visitation of God, these facilities were withdrawn: the potato failed; no other product of the soil existed to take its place; no crop neither supplied the same amount of nutriment, nor sustained the same number of people in the same spot. The life-sustaining power of the soil, in fact, had become restricted; as an inevitable consequence the population of the island has become proportionately restricted; and exactly in the same way that the population of the United States has been obliged to remove to other centres of industry, had the cotton famine continued, had the surplus population of Ireland been compelled to emigrate to a

to the sufferings which a large emigration has taken place. The average of emigration from Ireland has amounted to less than 100,000 a year during the last ten years, but from Germany alone, and principally from North Germany, there have been exported 1,000,000 in a single year, while, between 1851 and 1861 the emigration from Great Britain has averaged about 74,000 a year. Speaking of the effects of the emigration on the landlord, he says:—

"Emigration has a tendency to diminish rather than to increase the rent, if it has not done so already. It is because it has not continued long enough. Very frequently the landlord is a large employer of labour. Within the last fifteen years I myself have paid away half the value of my land, and, during the last half of that period, in consequence of the emigration I have got much less for my money than I did during the first half, and my consequent loss, comparing one period with another, would amount to several thousand pounds. I have been obliged to reduce the rent of the emigration. But, though a dealer in land, and a payer of wages, I am, above all things, an Irishman, and as an Irishman I rejoice at any circumstance which tends to increase the independence of the tenant farmer, or to add to the comforts of the labourer's existence."

GREAT FIRE AT YOKOHAMA.

From Yokohama there is intelligence of a disastrous fire which occurred in that place on the 26th of November, and consumed more than one-half the foreign and one-third the native portion of the settlement. The following information is derived in part from the *Japan Herald* and in part from private letters. The fire appears to have broken out a little before 9 in the morning at the western extremity of the native town, and soon communicated with the foreign settlement to the north-west on a westerly that was closely built up for more than a quarter of a mile.

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points out that the exception of one or two fireproof godowns and the fact that a single stick was standing to mark the boundaries of the town. Unhappily, we have to record that there was terrible loss of life, if we may believe the reports of the Japanese themselves, who state that thirty-five hundred persons, besides the soldiers, were killed, surrounded by water and then the city was cut off by a row bridge which led in to the street that was already in flames, became a *cul de sac*, from which the only retreat was by improvised bridges of boards, or by punts which were brought into use with all the celerity possible; but the only way of escape was by the river, and desolation, that many fled from them, and the work of death in another element. We hear that in several

pursued of the native towns, persons were burnt or pushed to death. In Ota-machi, this occurred three times; and the organisation was painful to themselves and to their neighbours.

April. All along the coast, the Japanese were getting their little moveables out to fly with them to Matshi (the newly filled-in ground) or some other place of safety; but towards the end, near the foreign settlement, several shops had filled up the street with goods and wares, and boats, thus making a perfect barricade; and here was the scene of the fiercest fighting. The unnumbered found great difficulty in overhauling the whist those who were carrying loads were driven to desperation in their efforts to pass, and many women and children were very much hurt. Means were taken to clear the road, and the Consul at the foreign settlement sent a large number of men to help. It was now generally level with the ground, and reported as level ground, that No. 1, the private residence and godown of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and Co. had caught fire. In another few seconds it reached the whole settlement. The private residences on No. 2—Messrs. Walsh, Hogg & Co., and Messrs. Guthrie & Co.—were saved. In another few minutes, nearly all this, the whole range of the old Chinese buildings the French, Prussian, American, and Russian

lish, in which latter several gentlemen of the English legation and consulate were residing—were swept off like much tinder. The wind increased almost to a typhoon, and the flames communicated with the old Japanese Custom-house, and it almost as short a time as it takes to pen this story; it was a thing of the past.

The fire raged from 9 to 11 a.m., when the wind lulled and prevented it from spreading any further. The lighted debris however continued to flame up and burn till smouldering when the mail left, November 28th.

The fire engines were brought out the instant the alarm of fire was given, but, alas, for the efficiency of the Yokohama fire brigade, there was not the slightest organisation; and some of the engines were entirely useless, having got out of order, probably from disuse. It was difficult also to procure a sufficient and constant supply of water for some of the engines were well manned, and the water at length there seemed to be an almost entire absence of effort.







TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES.

FMU CREEK.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.]  
MONDAY.  
The amount of gold purchased by the two banks during the past week has been 1404 oz.—this is the largest amount yet brought into the market in the week. Of this quantity the best washings ran 100 oz. to forty loads of dirt, 17 oz. to eight loads, 56 oz. to thirty-nine loads; and one load, taken as a prospect out of one claim, gave 1 oz. 4 dwts.; another lot of fifty loads gave 1 oz. 12 dwts. to the load. The water is falling very fast, but some parties are sending out as far as Brundah to wash. Four or five shifts on the Star Gulch have been bottomed at fifty feet down, and have proved duffers. The parties have missed the run of the deep ground. A new reef has been taken up, and rushed in the vicinity of Dalby's Dam, six or seven miles from here. No news from the deep sinking.

MAITLAND.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]  
MONDAY.  
Mr. W. H. Mullen has been re-elected mayor. The opera company have arrived. All the best seats are taken for to-night.  
The heat is intense.

BRISBANE.

MONDAY, 6 P.M.  
A labourer on the Toowoomba railway, named Barry, fell from the bridge scaffolding and was killed. It is supposed to have cost \$1000 by private subscription, to reimburse Mr. Groom, M.L.A., for his Parliamentary duties.

MELBOURNE.

MONDAY, 6 P.M.  
The Hon. C. Hall, Postmaster of New Zealand, is to be present at the Postal Conference.  
Fisher's racing stud is advertised for sale.  
The first Tasmanian-born salmon have been seen in the river Plenty, within two miles of where they were hatched.

ADELAIDE.

MONDAY, 6 P.M.  
It has rained continuously since 9 o'clock last night, and it is feared that a considerable quantity of water will be seriously damaged.  
The Blumley mills were destroyed by fire yesterday.  
The Government are about dispatching Captain Odell to the Adelaide River, as Manton's report was much in favour of Port Darwin.  
The working hours of the Police force are to be reduced from eight to six.  
The wreck of the Zanol, lost in the Gulf, was sold for \$600, and the coast for \$200.  
No alteration in the Corn market,—what is firm at last quotations, but little offering; flour has been sold at 41s 7d to 6d.

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NEW ZEALAND.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

NELSON, February 4th.

I AM very sorry to have to say that the war is not quite over yet. The evils arising from Thompson's death have proved much more serious than I had at all imagined they would be likely to do, but the mistake is only one proof the more how very little Europeans can know of the views taken by the Maories upon almost any question. I have more than once before alluded to the Tauranga difficulty, and expressed my opinion that it arose entirely from the false policy of excessive forbearance shown to the rebels in that district by the Government. So long as Thompson was alive, the opposition, on the part of the natives who had been so leniently dealt with, to our making any use of the land they had ceded to us never got any great head. In some way or other, the quiet influence of the late chief was exerted to stop any further breach of the peace in the district, and was exerted with success. Again and again threats were used, and even a few acts of violence committed by a handful of the discontented, but it always ended in nothing. This last case is of a different complexion, and shows that Thompson's loss was a more serious one to us than I had supposed it would be. For some months past the surveys have been at work on the back lines of this block of 50,000 acres of land, and in spite of many threats and some interruptions from time to time, have done a large part of the work. The ground of opposition on the part of the natives was that they understood the land was to be only on the bank of the river Waipara, while it was found necessary to take a large part of it on the other side. Of course the thing is a mere pretence, as any body who knows the circumstances is well aware. The fact is that nothing was agreed about the boundaries when the cession was made, for the simple reason that we were wholly in the dark as to the character of the land and all connected with it. The assumption of a sort of stolid want of comprehension is one of the most common of all tricks that are practised by this essentially tricky scheming people, and this seems to have been the line taken by them throughout the whole affair. It is said that before proceeding to force of arms the malcontents had been reinforced in numbers, and rendered more daring in council by the arrival of a body of natives from the opposite side of the island, embracing some of the objectors to the recent large land purchase of the Superintendent at Wellington. There is an air of probability about the story that the Tauranga natives were reinforced by numbers from some quarter or other, for they ventured to begin an open warfare. On the other hand, the natives said to have joined them by no means likely to have done so from a variety of reasons, one of them being the determination they had come to prosecute their opposition to the Wellington land purchase in the Supreme Court, and another the fact that they were so far separated from Tauranga geographically speaking, and entirely without any special connection with the Tauranga natives. The main fact, however, undoubtedly is that the war has been recommenced in a small way at Tauranga, and that we have already lost three men in flight.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DOMAIN.

AMONGST the many topographical advantages by which Sydney, the first Australian metropolis, has long been known to the world, the fact that it is situated on a noble public park, in a fine central position, and of easy access to the sea, is one of the most valuable. The Domain, belonging to the old prescriptive right, to the "people" is well known to all residents and visitors, as a place of rarest beauty, having an extensive, undulating surface, and a fine view of the city and harbour. A great amount of rearing, including balls, dinners, processions, &c., is held in the Domain, and the Government have been very anxious to improve it. A great amount of rearing, including balls, dinners, processions, &c., is held in the Domain, and the Government have been very anxious to improve it.

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may at least serve as something to begin with. Trade does not improve rapidly throughout the colony, and I think there is no doubt that the enormous taxation, amounting to more than 26 per head on each colonist, man, woman, or child, is crushing the elasticity out of the place.

The *Herald* of the 5th reports that the nomination of candidates for the Superintendency took place at noon yesterday, at the Provincial Government Buildings. Before heavy rain commenced, there must have been 800 to 1000 persons present. When the show of hands was taken, the result was as follows:—The retiring officer declared the numbers to be: James Dick, 71; James Macdonald, about 300; James Gordon Stuart Grant, 3. Mr. Dick demanded a poll, which was fixed for Wednesday, the 6th inst.

The same journal states that a fine case of amalgam, weighing 500 oz. 10 dwts, has been sent down by Southey's party, from the Lake; and it was shown on Saturday at the Provincial Government Buildings. The amalgam was found in a small stream, and was of a fine quality. The discovery was made by a party of men, who were engaged in the search for gold. The amalgam was found in a small stream, and was of a fine quality.

The Hon. Secretary to the Acclimatization Society at Melbourne, Mr. A. C. Carr, informs that the committee will be glad to receive contributions of the various descriptions of native birds, for the purpose of exchanging with kindred societies.

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we've seen signs of a long-expected quarry formerly started in the lake, and had to be abandoned by a steep path-way in which there was a flight of steps, dangerous to those who had to cross the Domain after nightfall, and the access of many an accident. The whole of this unsightly cliff has disappeared, the cavity on the eastern side having been filled up, so that there is nothing now visible but a level, grassy plain, and a fine view of the city and harbour. The cliff was a great obstacle to the progress of the survey, and it was a great relief to find it removed.

From the Palmer street gate the boundary will and piling has been carried along to that point of the Domain which touches upon Ryley-street, where there is an entrance to the Park for pedestrians. On the south-east side of this palisade is a new wide road by which easy access may be had to Woolloomooloo Bay from Woolloomooloo-street. The road is a fine one, and it is a great relief to find it removed.

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factory. (After tea.) They had made no bad beds, the deposits had increased, and the note circulation was extending. Mr. Brett, who was about to take over charge of the management of the bank, had made an inspection of all the branches, and had written by the last mail an encouraging report regarding the prospects of the bank. The bank was in a very healthy state, and it was a great relief to find it removed.

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